



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Welcome back!

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope that you are all well rested after the summer break; ready to face the new school year.

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the pupils who have returned after the summer break with an improved sense of maturity and responsibility. Everybody came into school in a calm and sensible manner, which has resulted in a wonderful start to the new school year.

All pupils must bring a labelled water bottle with them to school.

Who's Who at SJSJ

SJSJ welcomed our new Chef to the team here at the start of the new term.

Chef Patrick is incredibly passionate about improving school meals for everybody and is really enjoying getting to know the children during the lunchtime periods.

He is keen to introduce fresh produce and to encourage the children and staff to try new ideas and extending their culinary palate.

Here's a snippet of some of his new dishes. We are all really excited to see some of his other creations.





School uniform

Below is a reminder of our school uniform expectations; please be reminded that we are no longer selling school uniform directly from school. All uniform supplies are available to buy at: www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Click on—Uniform by school

Click on—London (n-z)

Scroll to find St John & St James' C of E Primary School (look for our school logo.

The link can be found on our school website.

Standard	PE
Grey trousers, shorts, dresses, tunics or skirts. Plain red, white or grey socks or tights. Red and white checked or striped summer dresses. White or red polo-shirts, shirts or blouses. Red sweatshirts, cardigans or zip fleeces; with or without the school logo. Black shoes, plain black trainers or sandals which strap around the back of the foot/ankle.	Black jogging bottoms or leggings. Green t-shirts; with or without the school logo. Bottle green jumper; with or without the school logo. Plain black trainers or plimsolls.

Back To School

"I like school because there is interactive sports where I can have fun" - Amelle, Year 6

"I enjoy school because my classmates and I work together to ensure the class receives rewards for good behaviour" - Keichardae, Year 6

"I like school because we are all determined and never give up" - Sonny, Year 5

"I like school because you get to learn lots of new things and everyone is super nice" - Tianah, Year 5

"I love coming to school because I get to see my friends and enjoy all my lessons" - Blessing, Year 4

"I learn new things in Year 4" - Shannon, Year 4

"I love school because I learn new things and complete fun activities in class" - Aisha, Year 3

"I love school because we learn new things everyday and I get to play with my friends" - Dominic, Year 3

Terms dates school

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Academic Year 2021-2022



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Date	Event or Holiday
1st Sept	INSET: School Closed to pupils
25th-29th October	October Half Term
17th Dec	INSET: School Closed to pupils
17th Dec - 4th Jan	Christmas Holidays
25th Dec	Christmas Day
28th Dec	Boxing Day
3rd Jan	New Years Day Bank Holiday
4th Jan	INSET: School Closed to pupils
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
1st Apr	INSET: School Closed to pupils
1st-16th April	Easter holidays
15th Apr	Good Friday
18th Apr	Easter Monday
2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
30th May - 3rd June	May Half Term
2nd June	Spring Bank Holiday
3rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday to be taken in July 22
21st July	INSET: School Closed to pupils
22nd July	Bank Holiday: Closed to all
23rd July	Summer Holidays
29th Aug	Summer Bank Holiday

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.30PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY UNLESS YOUR CHILD ATTENDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.

Wellbeing

Our wellbeing at St John and St James' centres around the 5 to thrive initiative. These are 5 simple steps that can have a huge impact on our mental and physical wellbeing. They are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice and Keep Learning and Give.

This half term the focus will be - Be Active.

Exercising makes you feel good, so this half term, we will be giving you ideas on different ways we can all be active.

One way we could begin is by walking, cycling or scootering to school. Not only will this have a positive impact on us, but it'll also benefit the environment! Why not try it if you can!



Parent In Class

This academic year, we aim to develop high quality oracy skills to support enquiry, critical thinking and communication across the curriculum.

Since returning to school children have been introduced to talk guidelines and have been developing their debate skills.

Friday 17th September 2021

Y2 - Y6 Parents/carers are invited into class so children can share their debate with you and some parents may be asked to form an oracy panel to ask children some questions.

Y1 and Reception parents/carers are invited to participate in some maths activities.

We ask that:

- Only one parent/carer comes from each family
- All adults attending **must** wear a face mask
- Take a Lateral flow Covid test on the morning of the debate
- Sanitise hands on arrival at school and when entering a classroom
- If you are feeling unwell please do not attend

Jeans For Genes

On Friday 17th September we will be celebrating Genes for Jeans day. Children are invited to wear a pair of jeans and bring along £1.

Children will need to wear their school uniform on their top half and school shoes.

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>



Parents As Partners Workshop

Hackney Education presents "Parents as Partners: A collaborative approach to a shared journey" online event. This is an event to highlight the importance of Hackney Schools, Hackney Education and parents/ carers working together even better.

We welcome all parents in Hackney, particularly those from the Black community, parents of young black men, and other ethnic communities who may have felt the impact of this past year the hardest.

We would like to use this event to speak to parents/ carers and hear your thoughts after a 'Year Like No Other' as cited in a recent IMF report about the impact of COVID and how we can rebuild a better future.

At this event expect breakout rooms where you can learn about the work happening in Hackney Education and Schools/ settings and discuss important topics ranging from the Diverse Curriculum and the Young Black Men project.

This event takes place on **Thursday, October 7 2021** from 6 – 7:50 pm.

Further details including sign up information will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Packed Lunches

Please ensure your child's packed lunch is in line with our packed lunch school policy.

No crisps, sweets or chocolates or any type of juice is allowed. We will provide water or milk in the dining hall.

Please ensure your child's packed lunch is as healthy as possible.

Thank you



Amazing work...

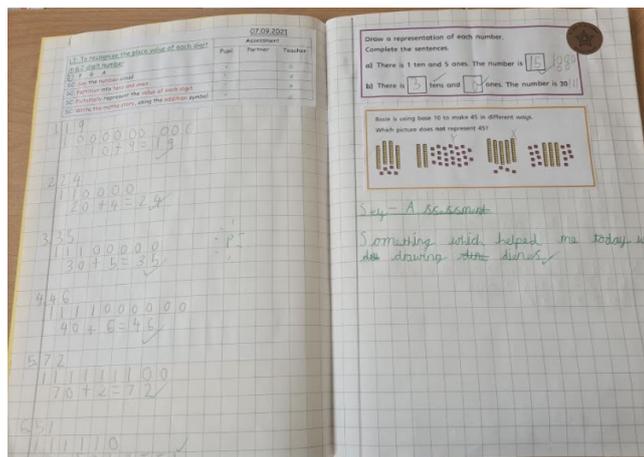
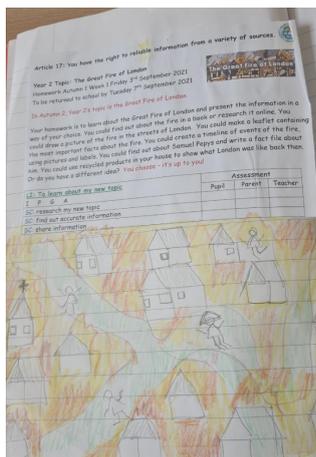
Reception children were excited to meet their new class pets the Giant African Land snails. As part of their journey to understand the world around them the children learned how to keep their snails healthy and safe.



To kick off the new science topic seasonal changes, **Year 1** went out into the playground to observe what they could see around them. They looked at the different types of plants they could find, the different insects they could see and what the weather was like. The class will continue to make observations throughout the term to see how these change.



Ocean and Orlando from **Year 2** drew a great picture for their homework on the Great Fire of London. Jerry showed great presentation in his maths lesson on place value.



Here's a sneak preview of **Year 3** hard at work creating their self-portraits in their Art lesson. Look out for them on display in the amphitheatre and the classroom soon!



This week in writing, **Year 4** have been retelling a very well-known fairy tale, but have added some exciting twists along the way. Here is a snippet of **Muyiwa's** fantastic writing; he worked really hard to ensure that he was meeting the success criteria throughout the lesson and even managed to include some of our key vocabulary words! Can you guess what fairy tale he is retelling?

Once upon a time, There was a boy called Jack who lived in a rusty cottage in the middle of the glorious countryside. He lived with his polite, caring mother, five chickens, two pigs and an old cow called Molly. Although Jack and his mother were very happy, they were poor. One day, Jack's mother told him that they had no money left and they had to sell dear, old Molly the cow. Jack sobbed like a baby as he led Molly down to the farmers market.

Suddenly, an evil lady appeared next to Jack. She whispered, "These beans are magical. I will offer them to you for your cow." Could the beans actually change Jack's life? When he arrived home, Jack's mother was so angry that she roared at him like a gorilla and set him straight to his grubby room.

Year 5 have been learning all about fairy tales in their writing lessons! They are focussing on the fairy-tale, 'The Little Matchstick Girl' by Hans Christian Anderson. As part of their class immersion lesson, they acted out different sections of the story in their table groups!



Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back at school and it turns out the class are very talented actors! In order to understand the thoughts and feelings of the characters in our fairy tale text, Hansel and Gretel, the class worked in groups and used role play. We acted out various different scenes from the story and thought about exciting ways to engage the audience. The children worked brilliantly together and showed fantastic skills in projecting their voices, using actions to portray emotions and improvisation.



MHST Workshop

Parent Workshops

As a school, we are committed to ensuring the mental health and wellbeing of our families are cared for and supported. The Mental Health Support Team are offering workshops on how to manage anxiety within your children and a separate workshop on supporting anxiety within children with an autism diagnosis.

For parents of primary school aged pupils

Managing child anxiety and supporting school attendance

This webinar will provide an overview of what is anxiety and how it presents in primary school aged children. It will give some strategies for how to support your child with anxiety, and focus especially on how to support and encourage children who may feel anxious about starting school or starting back at school. This webinar may be helpful for parents whose children present with worries, or physical health complaints like headaches and tummy aches, they may be related to underlying anxiety.

Dates: 10—11am Thursday 16th September

Eventbrite Link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/managing-child-anxiety-and-supporting-school-attendance-tickets-169603387297>

10—11am Thursday 14th October

Eventbrite Link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/managing-child-anxiety-and-supporting-school-attendance-tickets-169605477549>

For parents of children with autism diagnosis

Managing anxiety and supporting school attendance for parents of children with autism diagnosis

This webinar will provide an overview of what is anxiety and how it presents in primary school aged children who have a diagnosis of autism. It will give some strategies for how to support your child with anxiety, and focus especially on how to support children with autism who may feel anxious about starting school or starting back at school. This webinar may be helpful for parents whose children present with worries, or physical health complaints like headaches and tummy aches, or behavioural difficulties, that may be related to underlying anxiety. It may also be helpful for parents who are feeling worried themselves, and would like some ideas of how to manage their child's difficulties.

Dates: 10-11am Tuesday 21st September

Eventbrite Link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/managing-anxiety-supporting-school-attendance-for-parents-of-autistic-child-tickets-169614614879>

School roles

We would like to introduce the children responsible for representing their class in the following roles:

School Council	
Year 1	Lilliane and Khadija
Year 2	Amayah and Rupert
Year 3	Anna and Sparrow
Year 4	Rikaylia and Tyler
Year 5	Derek and Illiana
Year 6	Kwame and Isaac

Green Team	
Year 1	Ahria and Zephyrus
Year 2	Imogen and Seth
Year 3	Abigail and Michelle
Year 4	Daniel and Kate
Year 5	Leone and Surayah
Year 6	Amelle and Ife

Wellbeing Leaders	
Year 1	Kenzo and Max
Year 2	Luca and Lucia
Year 3	Aisha and Marella
Year 4	Maggie and Ryan O
Year 5	Kiarah and Tianah
Year 6	Elif and Jemimah

Digital Leaders	
Year 1	Anoushka and Ted
Year 2	Jerry and Neemasusan
Year 3	Evar and Khloe
Year 4	Elijah and Muiyiwa
Year 5	Iyi and Rufus
Year 6	Bolu and Johanna

RRS Team	
Year 1	Kiyomi and Matthew
Year 2	Jonah and Oceane
Year 3	Alicia and Frank
Year 4	Blessing and Khamil
Year 5	Alissa and Suki
Year 6	Ellie and Tanisha

Sports Crew	
Year 1	Blake and Jake
Year 2	Andre and Noah
Year 3	Jayden and Ruoxin
Year 4	Chloe and Mason
Year 5	Paul and Sonny
Year 6	Elizabeth and Ephraim

Online safety tip

Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family.





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Important Dates for your Diary

Details of Event	Time	Date
Parents In Class - Oracy	-	17.9.20
Jeans For Genes Day	-	17.9.20
Recycling Week	-	20.9.20
International Day of Peace	-	21.9.20
Reception Coffee Morning	9.15am	24.9.20
Black History Month	-	October 20
Parents Coffee Morning: Homework	9.15am	01.10.20
Parents Coffee Morning: Wellbeing	9.15am	04.10.20
Y6 Parent Workshop Secondary Application	9.15am	06.10.20
National Poetry Day	-	07.10.20
World Mental Health Day	-	09.10.20

Gold Award

Name	Class	Reason
Ahria	Year 1	For trying her best in everything she does and being a role model to everyone.
Kenzo	Year 1	For fantastic attitude towards Year 1 and always contributing his ideas.
Amayah	Year 2	For being super helpful all of the time and being an amazing role model.
Luca	Year 2	For having an amazing start to the year and settling in so well.
Lila	Year 3	For always helping out those around her enthusiastically.
Zuzanna	Year 3	For speaking clearly and confidently in her oracy lessons.
Blessing	Year 4	For an amazing start to the school year and always looking for ways to help out around the class.
Muwiya	Year 4	For fantastic effort in writing and re-reading his work to check it is meeting all SC.
Derek	Year 5	For being so polite and showing great manners.
Mateus	Year 5	For improving his handwriting.
Keichardae	Year 6	For trying her absolute hardest in every lesson and showing enthusiasm with her learning.
Khalid	Year 6	For his exceptional manners to staff and children around school.
Lucas	Year 6	For sensible and mature transition into Year 6.